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The disclosed references are:

JP Kokai Publication No. H07-209308, Japanese Patent Office, published August 11, 1995, with English abstract..

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JP Kokai Publication No. H07-270631, Japanese Patent Office, published October 20, 1995, with English abstract..

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

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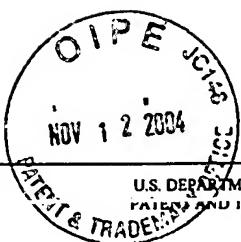
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